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Greetings from the Wayne:

Thank you for requesting a copy of the Wayne National Forest's revised Forest Plan. We are pleased to announce the release of the Record of Decision (ROD) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the 2006 Land and Resource Management Plan (2006 Forest Plan) for the Wayne National Forest, The ROD, FEIS, 2006 Forest Plan, and supporting documents can also be found on the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne.

The 2006 Forest Plan will guide the management of the Wayne National Forest for the next 10-15 years. The 2006 Forest Plan is strategic in nature, and places an emphasis on ecological, social, and economic sustainability over the long-term. The FEIS documents the analysis and discloses the anticipated effects that were the basis for the Regional Forester's selection of Alternative E Modified as the 2006 Forest Plan.

Alternative E Modified has been selected as the 2006 Forest Plan because it is the best blend of goods, services, and values for the public. It allows National Forest managers to work with nature to conserve important plant and animal species, create and maintain healthy ecosystems, and provide a variety of products that local communities and the nation as a whole consider important. Among these products are recreation opportunities, timber products, and clean water and air. The Record of Decision documents the Regional Forester's selection and explains the reasons for his choice.

Implementation of the 2006 Forest Plan will begin 30 days after the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement is published in the Federal Register. That date is expected to be approximately February 3, 2006.

The Regional Forester's decision is subject to appeal pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 217. See the final 2 pages of the enclosed Record of Decision for information on appeals. For additional information or if you have further questions, please contact Bob Gianniny at (740) 753-0882 or e-mail rgianniny@fs.fed.us

Thank you for your interest in Wayne National Forest. We look forward to your continued partnership in keeping the 2006 Forest Plan current and relevant into the future.

Sincerely,

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